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No. 191. Read the following letter from Captain T. E. GAHAGAN., R. E., Acting Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Salem, 28th May 1864, No. 203:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report the unauthorized expenditure in the latter part of the month of April of Rupees 303-12-0, in the Ussúr Range of the Salem District, on the construction of "parapet walls along certain tank bunds and the Sholagiri Ghát" on Trunk Road No. I.

2. On the 23rd ultimo I submitted four emergent Estimates, amounting in all to Rupees 2,267, for these parapet walls, stating at the same time (on the authority of Mr. Paynter, the Range Officer,) that, although the work had been commenced on emergency, no payment for it need be made in 1863-64, and in G. O. No. 1,303 of the 6th instant, a grant of Rupees 2,267, the full amount of the four Estimates, was sanctioned from the Reserve of 1864-65.

3. I was not aware until the Ussúr Range accounts for April reached me that there had been any expenditure on the work.

4. It appears that the Táluq Overseer having received from the Range Officer (by a mistake on the part of the latter) three hundred and odd Rupees more than he actually required for the payment of certain road repairs in the Ussúr Táluq, thought proper, before closing his accounts for the month, to get rid of his large cash balance by paying up the Contractor for these parapet walls, although aware that work of this kind ought to be paid for only on a measurement bill bearing the Range Officer's initials, and by a cheque drawn in favor of the Contractor.

5. Both the Range Officer and the Overseer are to blame for carelessness, and I have accordingly admonished them.

6. The outlay can be met from the unexpended balance (Rupees 548-14-7) of the reduced allotment* (Rupees 5,000) of 1863-64 for the Suramangalam and Taramangalam road; and the current year's grant must be reduced from 2,267 Rupees to 1,963 Rupees.

* See G. O. No. 1,023 of the 11th April 1864.

No. 192. ORDER THEREON, 9th June 1864, No. 1,681.

Sanctioned as suggested in the last paragraph and communicated to the Offices of Account and Audit. The sum of Rupees 304 will be re-credited to the Reserve under "Communications."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
" Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.

Exd. S. T, Augustin.

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Superintg: Engr's Office, S. Rly.
Salem, 28th May, 1864.

From

Captain J. E. Sandwith R.E.
Offg: Superintg: Engr S. Rly.

To

Colonel C. Abbt R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the unauthorised expenditure in the latter part of the month of April of Rupees 363. 12. 4 in the Ulcoor Range of the Salem District on the construction of "parapet walls along certain tank bunds and the Bholagiri Ghaut in Trunk Road No. I.-

2. On the 22nd Ultimo I submitted four emergent estimates, amounting in all to Rupees 2267, for these parapet walls,- stating at the same time on the authority of Mr. Paynter, the Range Officer, that, although the work had been commenced on Emergency, no payment for it need be made in 1863-64; and in G.O. No. 1303 of the 6th Instant, a grant of Rupees 2,267, the full amount of the four Estimates, was sanctioned from the Reserve of 1862-65.

3. I was not aware until the Ulcoor Range accounts for April reached me that there had been any expenditure on the work-

4. It appears that the Taluq Overseer having received from the Range Officer by a mistake on the part of the latter three hundred and odd Rupees more than he actually required for the payment of certain road

road repairs in the Vesavi Taluq, thought proper, before closing his accounts for the month, & get rid of his large Cash balance by paying up the Contractor for three parapet walls although on one that work of this kind ought to be paid for only on a measurement bill bearing the Range Officer's initials, and by a Cheque drawn in favor of the Contractor.

5. Both the Range Officer and the Overseer are to blame for carelessness, and I have accordingly admonished them.

6. The outlay can be met from the unexpended balance (Rs. 548. 14. 7) of the reduced allotment* (Rs. 5,000) of Rs 3-64 for the Sriramanjalam and Jaramanjalam road: but the current year's grant must be reduced from 2267 Rupees, to 1963 Rupees.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obed't Serv't
J. C. Gahagan Capt'n R.E.
Sup't Imperial Irrig'n & Fish Cons'y R.E.

* See G.O. No. 1023 of the 11th April 1874.

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From

The Asst. Engr. 5th Dn.

To

The Secretary to Govt.

P.W.

Dated 28th May 1864

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No. 203.

Reports the unauthorised expenditure in April 1864 of Rs 303. 12. - on the construction of Parapet walls along certain Tank Bunds on Trunk Road West, and states the source whence the amount can be defrayed. —

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Sanctioned as suggested in the last para - and Communicated to the Offices of Account and Audit. — The sum of Rs 303 12 will be re-credited to the Reserve under "Communications"

Chepauk
9th June 1864

To The Superintg. Engr. 5th Dn.

" — " Controller & Auditor of P.W. Accounts

" — " Accountant General. 33

Dated 13th June